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## S. S. SIBERIA REPORTED SINKING OFF FORMOSA COAST

### British and Japanese Vessels Go To Assistance; Chinese Pirates Implicated

**S. O. S. Signals are Indistinct and Belief is Held That Wireless Outfit is Rendered Useless—Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison One of 80 Cabin Passengers—Wreck and Looting of Asia Vividly Recalled**

(Associated Press Cable)

TOKIO, Japan, May 1.—The Pacific Mail steamer Siberia is reported to be ashore and sinking in the China sea, off the coast of Formosa.

Messages received from Taipei, one of the smaller tea shipping ports of Formosa, report the Siberia aground about six miles off the southeast coast.

Dispatches from Formosa indicate that Chinese pirates are in some way connected with the disaster.

The British cruiser Minotaur and the Great Northern steamer Minnesota, located on the Japanese coast, picked up wireless messages carrying the S. O. S. of the distressed vessel. The messages gradually grew indistinct, the impression being that the Siberia was in such distress that her wireless outfit had been put out of commission.

The Minotaur and the Japanese cruiser Kanto Maru have gone to the assistance of the distressed vessel.

Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, wife of the governor-general of the Philippines, is numbered among the 80 cabin passengers of the Siberia, being en route home from a trip to Hongkong.

The intimation of the connection of Chinese pirates with the disaster recalls the going ashore of the Asia, on Finger Rock, April 23, 1911. The Asia went ashore during the night and at daybreak a score of Chinese junks, loaded with pirates, swarmed around the sinking vessel, overpowered the crew and passengers and looted the vessel, removing even her brass fittings. The passengers were not molested by the pirates. It is believed a similar action is indicated by the messages from Formosa.

The officers of the Siberia are—A. Zeeder, captain; Thomas Blau, first officer; J. S. Hamilton, chief engineer; F. C. Charman, purser; B. A. Stanton, freight clerk; S. P. Strange, M. D., surgeon; V. X. DeCaro, chief steward, and E. A. Kirby, second steward.

### P. M. WILL SPARE NO EXPENSE IN CARING FOR PASSENGERS

(Associated Press Cable)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The officials of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in this city have been advised that the Siberia is ashore and have instructed the Samasana to salvage the stricken steamer.

Instructions have been forwarded to the Yokohama agents of the company to spare no expense to provide for the safety and comfort of the passengers.

### MINOTAUR AT SCENE OF WRECK

(Associated Press Cable)

TOKIO, Japan, May 2.—The cruiser Minotaur is reported to have reached the scene of the wreck of the Siberia and to have offered to render every possible aid.

### SIBERIA'S FATE WATCHED HERE PASSENGERS KNOWN LOCALLY

The fate of the Pacific Mail liner Siberia, now reported ashore off the southeast coast of the island of Formosa, is awaited with keen interest by many Honoluluans who possessed an acquaintance with a number of cabin passengers who embarked for the Far East in that vessel on the evening of April 13.

The shipping office of H. H. Mackfield & Company, the local representatives for the Pacific Mail line, was besieged this morning by persons who had either relatives or friends in the liner, now reported as in dire distress and in a way of becoming a total loss.

Departing from Honolulu for the Orient in the Siberia were the following cabin travelers: Mrs. L. B. Pierce, a round the world tourist who had remained in the city with the beginning of the carnival; the Misses F. T. and A. Murphy, from New York and Boston, and also prominent in Pacific Coast society, were guests at the Moana hotel for a number of weeks before sailing in the Siberia; Mrs. L. P. Cherry was lavishly entertained during her stay at Honolulu; Charles Poulton and E. B. Kellam were globe-trotters who had remained in the islands for a number of weeks.

With 45 Filipinos who had completed their service at the various island sugar estates, numbered with the delegation of Asiatic steamer passengers who departed in the Siberia, early reports from Japan that the Siberia had met with disaster caused a steady stream of Filipinos, Chinese and Japanese to seek further information concerning the fate of the vessel. In addition to more than 200 through passengers, a score of Japanese and five Chinese joined the Siberia at Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell were booked for China in this vessel, but (Continued on page two)

PACIFIC MAIL VESSEL IN DISTRESS.



The Pacific Mail S. S. Siberia, ashore off the southeast coast of Formosa; Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, one of the Siberia's cabin passengers and Captain Adrian Zeeder, master of the vessel.

### FIELD BELIEVES REPORT SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC

**Special Investigator for Probe Commission Delivers Talk Straight from Shoulder**

Commenting on the status of the report made by him to the Hawaii County Investigation Committee, H. Gooding Field says:

I have been reluctant, for some months past, to express myself regarding the wisdom of the creation of the Hawaii County Investigation Commission, as a body, as any statement which I might have made reflecting, in any manner, on the merits of the commission, would, I felt, be considered personal animus.

Expensive Luxury. Since, however, the commission now takes the stand that there is no special reason why my report should be made public, or if published at all, not earlier than June 30th next—my report being the result of twelve months of the most difficult and exacting technical work—and, furthermore, the commission, the personnel of which are not, by any means, accounting experts, professing to be the sole arbiters of the value of that part of my report, wherein I outline a modern and scientific accounting system, with forms, etc., which should be installed not only in the county of Hawaii, but all the other counties and departments of the territory, I am compelled, in justice to myself, to give some data which will show the uselessness of such a commission being appointed in the first place to even attempt to straighten out the financial muddle in the county of Hawaii. I still maintain that the matters to be investigated—which were purely financial—were such that the services of a professional investigator, trained in municipal accounting and research work, and a prosecuting attorney, were alone capable of unravelling these complications. The commission, in fact, proved itself to be a legalized and expensive luxury, and the following information, regarding its modus operandi will, I believe, be both educational and enlightening to the taxpayers who have punged up to pay the bills.

What Commission Did. The commission held its first meeting in Honolulu on April 10th, 1913 and met at Hilo on April 18th, 1913. On the latter date, all the records—from 1905 to 1913—of the county auditor and the county treasurer were turned over, under subpoena, to the commission, and on May 10th, 1913, the books of the county clerk were likewise obtained. The books and records of the three county officials, above-mentioned, were placed on these dates under the control of the auditor in the vaults of the First Trust Company of Hilo, for purposes of his investigation.

Delving and Checking. From April 23rd, 1913 to May 29th, 1913, the three members of the commission were "delving into books and checking accounts of the county auditor," with the exception of four public (Continued on page eight)



### GEO. E. MARSHALL SECURES HILO BREAKWATER JOB, SAYS CABLE

**Independent Bidder Awarded Contract—En Route to Honolulu to Commence Work**

George E. Marshall, independent contractor with a strong financial backing, has been given the contract to complete the Hilo breakwater, according to cable advices received here today.

Accepted by the government, and by the American Surety Company, the giant concern that stood as bondsmen for the bankrupt Philadelphia Breakwater Company, Mr. Marshall is now on his way to Honolulu, and will arrive here May 15. An entire new plant, it is reported, has been ordered by him to complete the big job.

Word is given out here that work on the breakwater will be resumed almost immediately on his arrival.

Confusing and conflicting reports have become current lately relating

to the award of the breakwater contract, but the word received today settles the matter.

The Philadelphia Breakwater Company going into bankruptcy, the American Surety Company, one of the largest corporations of its kind in the country, was liable under its contract for the completion of the job. Negotiations by contractors with the company and the government have been going on for some time, the contractors seeking to enter into a dual agreement with the surety company and the government for the completion of the job.

Marshall was successful in his negotiation of the Auwailimu contract, and has signed up with both parties.

Marshall was the contractor awarded the Auwailimu contract and has handled other big jobs here and elsewhere. He is said to have strong financial backing for the present work.

### THOMAS SQUARE AGAIN ALIVE WITH REAL FAIRIES TO OBSERVE MAY DAY

**Kindergarten Tots Gather in Annual Celebration—Lillie Gomes Is Queen**

Fairland of the story books was transplanted in Honolulu for several hours this morning; not a fairyland of the imagination, but one of unique reality. Children of half a score of different nationalities, pupils in the eight local free kindergartens conducted under the auspices of the Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association, were the fairies; and Thomas Square, with its towering shade trees and broad expanse of green verdure, was the land—the whole combining to make this year's celebration of May Day one of the prettiest events witnessed in this city in many years. Gaily costumed children, under the

direction of teachers and their assistants, were early arrivals at the square to pay homage to little Miss Lillie Gomes, the May queen. Crowned with a wreath of violets, which contrasted prettily with her dainty robe of pink and white, the queen stood with her attendants—the Misses Hilda Camara, Nellie Gomes, Helen Nasimonto and Margaret Carreira—and graciously received the little visitors. Special cars conveyed the youngsters to the scene of the festivities and, alighting from these conveyances, they marched into the field in perfect order to await the signal for the commencement of the grand parade. The day was a perfect one. The big square was soon turned into a lively riot of color. Hundreds of visitors, both kamaainas and malihinis,

### 1500 AMERICANS UNABLE TO LEAVE MEXICO, ACCOUNT OF THE RAILROADS

**Admiral Craddock Endeavors to Secure Restoration of Service in Order That Refugees May Escape—Spanish Ambassador Delivers Huerta's Message, Signifying Willingness to Submit to Proposal of Mediators, to Minister from Argentine.**

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Consul-general William W. Canada reports from Vera Cruz that there are 1500 Americans in Mexico City who are unable to flee, owing to the condition of the railroad lines, which have been tied up for some time past.

Admiral Craddock of the British navy is extending every effort to secure the restoration of railroad communication and service.

### Huerta's Message Delivered

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Spanish Ambassador Riano today visited the Argentine minister and advised him that President Huerta had sent a message outlining his desire to accept the proposal of the South American countries as mediators.

This proposal calls for the suspension of hostilities between Mexico and the United States while the mediators are endeavoring to reach an agreement.

### Holbrook Recommends More Troops be Sent to Colorado

(Associated Press Cable)

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 1.—Major Willard A. Holbrook has recommended that more troops be rushed into Colorado, in order to handle the strike situation.

It is believed that the desires of Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, are guiding Major Holbrook in this matter.

### No News in Washington

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—The recommendations, reported from Colorado to have been made by Major Holbrook, that more troops be ordered into Colorado has not yet reached the war department.

### Fight at Mazatlan Still on Reports Admiral Howard

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Rear-admiral Frank F. Howard reports that the firing of the federals and constitutionalists at Mazatlan continues.

### Mexican Steamer Burned

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—The Mexican steamer Luella has been burned at Manzanillo, according to a report that has reached this city.

### W. F. YOUNG CONFIRMED AS POSTMASTER

### Barron to Get Minor Jobs for Friends

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1, 8 p. m.—Young was confirmed as postmaster at Honolulu this evening.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—William F. Young was nominated this afternoon for the postmastership of Honolulu. Charles Barron of Honolulu, having been eliminated from the fight several days ago.

Mr. Young is, at present, special agent for the postoffice department in South Carolina and his only competitor for the Honolulu office was a Texan friend of the administration.

Mr. Barron has been pacified by the promise of several minor places for his friends, whose fight he included with his own, when he first reached the capital.

The Honolulu, who has been under the weather for sometime past, is again around and expects to return to Hawaii shortly.

C. S. ALBERT.

### Wireless Says Siberia Safe, Schwerin Discredits Message

(Associated Press Cable)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—According to cable advices from Manila, a wireless has been received at that port, relayed by the S. S. Galveston from the Siberia, stating that the vessel is in good condition and will arrive in Manila Saturday.

The officials of the Pacific Mail Company are inclined to discredit this message, General Manager Schwerin stating that it was undoubtedly sent before the accident and is merely the customary shipping communication.

### RUSSIANS KIDNAP OWN DAUGHTER BUT POLICE QUICKLY RETURN CHILD

Serada Makaloff and his wife, both Russians, were arrested shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon on a charge of kidnapping, preferred by Judge William L. Whitney of the juvenile court. According to the police, Makaloff and his wife made their appearance at the Castle Home, Manoa, at station, Makaloff and his wife are noon and asked the attendant in old offenders, having been arrested charge if they might see their five-year-old daughter, who was committed assault and battery and drunkenness,

to the home some three months ago. The police say that while the attendant's back was turned, the couple made off with the child. The detective department immediately was communicated with and at 2 o'clock Chief of Detectives Arthur McDuffie and several of his men arrested the Russian and his wife, who had their daughter with them at the time. The child was returned to the Castle Home and the couple locked up at the police station. Makaloff and his wife are noon and asked the attendant in old offenders, having been arrested charge if they might see their five-year-old daughter, who was committed assault and battery and drunkenness,

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